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Comments: I am part of a group of people organized largely by the Wonalancet Preservation Association (WPA)- most local residents who have come to the conclusion that the USFS' current plan is deeply flawed and could do great damage to our beloved forest, trails and the pristine beauty and ecological integrity of the Sandwich Range.

We are not opposed to logging in general, nor are we opposed to responsible management of the forest; on the contrary, we want to make sure that any forest management conducted by the USFS be of the highest quality and be done according to modern standards of forestry that take into account new science and the new realities of our time, as well as new policies being adopted by the USFS itself.

We are asking that the USFS pause this project and reconsider it in light of various factors, including new executive orders from the White House, as well as insufficient evaluations of all kinds of impacts this project could or will have on the integrity of the forest and its value to the public.

In April, 2022 the Biden administration issued Executive Order 14072, which prioritizes the protection and preservation of old growth and mature forest on public federal land - exactly the kind of mature forest that exists throughout the proposed project area.